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Stage 2 begins Friday in county

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Staff Reporter

The provincial government announced Monday that as of 12:01 a.m., Friday June, 12, a number of businesses will be able to re-open, at least in modified fashion, in communities outside the Toronto area, as the province enacts Stage 2 of its COVID-19 recovery process in those areas.

Included on the list is the area covered by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit

"In consultation with the chief medical officer of health and local health officials, the government is easing restrictions in communities where it is safe to do so, based on trends of key public health indicators such as lower rates of transmission, increased capacity in hospitals, and progress made in testing," reads a press release from the province.

As of Friday, outdoor dine-in services at restaurants, bars and other establishments may resume, with proper health and safety protocols in place. Also on the list are personal care services such as

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The right angle

Anglers fish close to the shore of Head Lake on Thursday, June 4 in Haliburton. Unlike urban areas, rural settings such as Haliburton enable residents and visitors an opportunity to participate in a variety of activities such as hiking, mountain biking and fishing while still maintaining social distancing to help reduce the spread of the coronavirus. /DARREN LUM Staff

Farmers' markets open with safety protocols

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The county's three farmers' markets won't look the same this year, but they'll be open for business even if it's not as usual.

Minden's market runs Saturdays, beginning June 13, Haliburton's market

runs Tuesdays, beginning June 16 and Stanhope will open on Fridays, beginning June 26.

Though the season is starting later than usual, the Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association has been working over the past two months to develop an operational plan for the markets to be able to open under strict guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic, requiring public health department approval and permis-

sion to use municipal property from all three townships.

"We've gone through a rather rigorous process, and justifiably so, to make sure that everything is going to be safe," said Gus Janca, secretary of the Haliburton County Farmers' Market. "Everybody's supportive and everybody's on board."

While the markets will be open, Min-

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Flanked by her staff Kim Pockett, left, and Joanne Nichols, right, Country Rose Garden Centre's new co-owner Shelley Stiles (and husband Doug, who was absent for the photo) is looking forward to serving the community. /DARREN LUM Staff



Country Rose has new home, its legacy will go on

ZACHARY ROMAN

Staff Reporter

Country Rose, Haliburton's go-to garden centre since 1986, will not be closing after all. It has found new owners and in six weeks it will have found a new home, too. But don't worry, that new home is just over 10 minutes away from its current one.

Shelley Stiles and her husband Doug are the proud new owners. They have run a successful landscape construction company in Sutton for years and also own Blake Storage in Haliburton. "We move big trees and we're looking to slow down. We've always wanted to retire up in Haliburton," said Stiles. "[Doug and I] talked about it a lot and went, you know what? This is something we want to do."

"It complements what [Doug] already knows or what we already know," said Stiles. "And I didn't want to see it closed in the community because I shop there myself."

Starting on Tuesday, June 9, Country Rose will reopen at its current location for six weeks.

"We bought the business part only, we did not buy the current location," said Stiles. "At the end of July, we'll be fully operational at our new location out on Highway 118, which is where the store is at Blake Storage."

Stiles thinks it is amazing to inherit Country Rose's legacy and good name. She is also very happy that long-time Country Rose employees like Joanne Nichols and Kim Pockett are going to be staying with the business and coming to the new location.

"The girls that are on staff, Joanne and Kim and Colleen and them, they are dynamite, they are so knowledgeable. If they were unwilling to move with us and grow the business, we probably wouldn't have considered buying it without them," said Stiles. "Everyone I've spoken to just loves those girls, their knowledge

is beyond belief ... they've worked really hard, they've been serving that community, Joanne's been there over 30 years, Kim pretty close to the same. Their dedication to the community is amazing."

Shelley said that spirit is what she and Doug want to carry on. She said they are very active in their home community and are really looking forward to becoming active in the Haliburton community when they move here. "I just think it's such a great community like everybody's so personable, so friendly and I'm really looking forward to the move," said Stiles. "Everybody is so kind and helpful and I haven't met a grumpy person yet."

Stiles said Country Rose is confident and ready to handle COVID-19 business regulations, having already installed hand-washing stations at the entrances among other preparations. They don't have as many plants as they would like just yet, but that is only due to the uncertainty of Country Rose's future earlier this year before a buyer was found.

"With [the previous owners] already making the decision that they were going to shut down, Kim didn't do a lot of her planting and preparation, usually by now the green greenhouses are full. So now we're still up and ready but not quite what Kim would like to be," said Stiles. "Next year we'll be fully operational to what the community has come to expect. We just want to make sure that the community and countryside there knows that we are back, we're not going anywhere – well, just up the road – but we are going to stay operational in the community so they still have their garden centre and flower centre."

The previous owners were Joan and Art Ward, long-time Haliburton community members and business owners. Before them, Brenda Ripley-Petrow owned Country Rose – she started the garden centre in 1986. Before opening Country Rose, she used to work for Joan and Art at their inn, where she was described as a star employee with an incredible work ethic. In the early days of Country Rose, Joan and Brenda used to talk all the time about

business and perseverance. This was made easier when Joan opened her own business, Antiques and Neat Stuff, across the road from Country Rose.

Fast-forward to 2002, to a night that Joan Ward remembers as vividly today as when it happened.

"One night while I was working late at Antiques and Neat Stuff, I looked up and out of my east side window of the store to see the lights on at 'The Rose'. It was past 9 p.m. and I saw Joanne Nichols in the store arranging flowers. After thinking for a moment I realized that she was getting the flowers together for Brenda Ripley's funeral. It struck a deep chord," said Ward. "The funeral was the next day and I attended with Art. Whilst at the funeral I spoke to many friends and many wondered what would happen with the business she worked so hard to establish and grow in the community. One of the people I spoke with was Bart Hilhorst, Brenda's life partner and the one who handled her estate. Later that night, after some reflection, I decided to buy Country Rose so that the legacy that Brenda and her team built would continue."

Similar to the new owners, Joan Ward also wanted Joanne Nichols and Kim Pockett to stay on the team, and once they agreed, it was a done deal. Joan made the purchase – first on her own and then via an 'incorporation' with Art.

"Country Rose has been an essential business in Haliburton for many years and it was [Art's and my] wish to have this continue with new energy, fresh ideas and keen stewardship. As we looked to pass the torch it was paramount to ensure that the right people were in place to not only keep the business running, but invest and see it 'grow'," said Ward. "To this end Shelley and Doug Stiles look to be the perfect match. With a passion for people and the experience in running a large and established tree nursery – the legend of Brenda Ripley and all those that worked with and for her will continue on."



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The show must go on for piano recital

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The sounds of Brahms, Beethoven, Chopin and even *Mary Had a Little Lamb* were heard in homes throughout the county and beyond last week, when about 20 students of music teacher Lauren McInnes participated in end-of-year music recitals

that were broadcast to friends and family guests over Zoom.

"I didn't know how the recitals would go and there certainly were some glitches," said McInnes, who has continued one-on-one and group music lessons from her studio using video broadcasting since the provincial state of emergency and public health recommendations have kept people home due to the spread of

coronavirus throughout the province. "So it was far from perfect, but I saw lots of smiles on the kids faces, and they definitely got to have the experience of performing. One perk was that we were able to include some faraway relatives who would not normally be able to attend." McInnes said one student's family invited guests from the United Kingdom who stayed up until midnight to watch him

play.

The year is over for some students, but not all, and McInnes said she will still be teaching those who are preparing for The Royal Conservatory of Music exams, which are also being held remotely on Zoom. As an RCM examiner, McInnes will be conducting exams herself with students from all over Canada and the United States this summer, as well.



Azery played *My Left Hand* and *Paddle*, selections from her Sunbeams 1 music class book, while her grandparents and cousin tuned in. Azery had also perfected a curtsy to end her performance. /Submitted photo



Liam, a student of Lauren McInnes, performed *Peter and Mary* at a piano recital held June 1, while his performance was broadcast live to other students, parents and guests at the online recital. /Submitted photo

Eliza played *Merry-Go-Round*, *Birthday Party* and *Ears* at the June 1 virtual recital. "Lauren has done an amazing job keeping the kids engaged with their music lessons," said her mom. /Submitted photo



Lauren McInnes hosts a piano recital like no other, inviting students from Haliburton County, their parents, and guests from throughout the county, province and world to tune in. /Submitted photo



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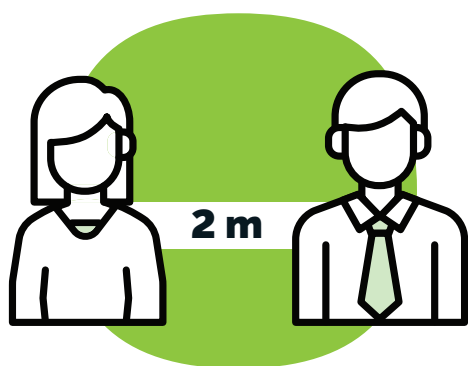


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Public should remain diligent during pandemic: health unit

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County's total confirmed cases of COVID-19 that are unresolved remain at one, after a new case appeared – the first since April – last week. Currently there are also two community high-risk contacts in Haliburton County reported in the June 8 data of the Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Pine Ridge district health unit, down from five last week.

"High-risk contacts are defined as asymptomatic individuals who are known to have been in contact with a confirmed or probable case," Chandra Tremblay, HKPR manager, corporate services, communications and IT told the *Echo*. "These people would have been identified when the health unit spoke with the confirmed case and they identified people they were in contact with during their infectious period."

Tremblay said the high-risk contacts are then contacted by health unit staff, and asked to get tested and self-isolate.

"Health unit staff will work with the local assessment centre to ensure they are prepared for the person to arrive for testing and that supports are then put in place for the person to remain in self-isolation for 14 days," said Tremblay. "If the high-risk contact person's test comes back as a positive, they will become a confirmed case and that will be reflected in the health unit's numbers. If the person remains in self-isolation for 14 days and remains asymptomatic or their test comes back as negative, after 14 days they are no longer captured as a high-risk contact that the

health unit is following and do not need to remain in self-isolation."

The eight confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County – seven which were deemed resolved by April 25 – were Haliburton County residents, with any positive tests of people within the county who have a permanent residence elsewhere being added to the data of the health unit of their permanent address.

"The person is not required to return to their permanent residence to self-isolate if they are already located at a secondary residence or someone else's residence in Haliburton County," said Tremblay. "Our staff would work with the person and the staff from their home health unit to ensure they are able to remain in isolation and have the supports required so they would not need to venture out into the community – someone to pick up groceries, medications, etc."

As has been previously reported in the *Echo*, Tremblay said the province has expanded the testing strategy enabling increased testing and with that there will be additional cases of positive asymptomatic people confirmed.

Last week, Dr. Norm Bottum of the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team responded to the *Echo's* question about what the public should know at this time. "The message is, COVID-19 is not going away and will continue to appear periodically," he said. "We don't know when or where usually, so we all have to do our part to minimize picking up or spreading the virus, i.e. social distance, hand washing, wear a mask when shopping."

Tremblay said it is important for the public to recognize that many people who have the virus do not have symptoms.

"This makes it important for people to continue to fol-

low public health measures of maintaining physical distancing, wearing a mask when they are out and unable to guarantee they can remain six feet from others, washing their hands frequently and staying home if they are ill," she said. "We have been lucky to not have a large number of confirmed cases in Haliburton County unlike other areas of the province, but we need to continue to be diligent to stop the spread."

"It is not the most sick patients we have to worry about, they will be sick at home or in hospital," said Bottum. "It is the least sick who minimize their symptoms and continue to be active in our community and unaware."

Last week, the new confirmed case of COVID-19 – the first in Haliburton County since seven people recovered in April – was rumoured to have been hospitalized, but Bottum said that was untrue, though there has previously been a hospitalization amongst the positive local cases, and people requiring oxygen therapy can be admitted to a local hospital.

"If they are unstable and possibly headed for intubation, they would be referred to an intensive care unit with capacity to accept, i.e. not always Peterborough," said Bottum.

Tremblay asked that besides remaining diligent, the public prepare for another possible influx of COVID-19 infections.

"People also need to prepare for an anticipated second wave of the virus in the fall," said Tremblay. "The province, public health and local health partners are putting plans in place in anticipation of the second wave, which could be a challenge given the fall is typically the beginning of the influenza season."

Club's end means new future for Haliburton soccer

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Soccer in Haliburton this summer isn't happening.

Part of it is because of COVID-19 and part of it is the end of the Haliburton Soccer Club, which was due in part to the organization running its course.

As of midnight on May 31, the Haliburton Soccer Club officially ended.

In an email sent to club members and an online post on their website, the club said, "COVID-19 wasn't the cause of the long overdue change; but it was the catalyst. The pandemic will influence the new formations; so please be patient. It has been our great pleasure to serve and befriend Haliburton's large group of local and visiting soccer enthusiasts for two decades. Thanks for all the fond memories and especially the fun!" Registered players for the 2020-2021 season were expected to receive a refund.

Soccer may be cancelled for this summer like other organized sports during this health crisis, but there is hope for indoor soccer for adults this coming autumn/winter and outdoor soccer next summer for adults and children.

Past club executive members Chris Carere and Andrea Mueller are leading the charge for the next chapter of soccer in the area. Carere has committed to facilitate adult soccer while Mueller is looking to help with organize the youth soccer.

Carere's passion for soccer wouldn't let her give up on her love.

"I love soccer. And I know there are some other people out there who also love playing soccer. It's twofold for me. When I heard Andrea was willing to try and do something with the kids I felt a lot better because I grew up playing soccer. I've played for 40 odd some years and I feel really bad if the kids don't get a chance to play in our area. Having coached the kids here for a few years, there is a lot of talent coming up through there and even for people that just want to get out and have fun, it's a great sport," she said.

The adult soccer year was broken into four time periods, including the pick-up indoor soccer offering, which was held from October to April. There was pick-up outdoor from May to the end of June, then an official league with teams and team shirts from July to August, followed by another pick-up soccer period starting in September until it was too dark to play. All outdoor games were held at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field last year. Carere, whose previous soccer administration experience includes being a coaching co-ordinator for adult soccer for years in Acton, prefers to run it like a pick-up

night.

"If possible, we're going to rent the school [fields] as usual under their insurance because buying insurance for ourselves is going to be cost prohibitive, I think. Just go under their insurance ... and run it like the local basketball, pickleball [offerings] and that kind of thing, which seemed to have a lot more success than a formal group," she said.

She adds the enforcement of rules will be left to players, as a referee was not used for the official league last year and it worked well, as it does elsewhere she has played.

Registration fees at this time are unknown because booking costs are unknown, as the rental fee structure is not available through the school board.

Mueller, who is the recreation co-ordinator for Dysart, said it was important to keep youth soccer going because it's a great sport for children of a variety of ages, encouraging physical fitness and development, but it is also accessible due to its low cost and the relative simple co-ordination required for very young children when compared to technical sports such as baseball and basketball.

She is interested in convincing the township to get involved with offering the eight-week recreational based programming for players from ages four (as of

December) to 16 during the week at dusk, as there are benefits such as financial support to help with the purchase of equipment and a township staff member to assist her with being present each night. Equipment is needed because the defunct soccer club operated under the promise they would give its money and equipment to the three elementary schools in the area, which was to be divided among them. This is expected to be decided by the school board. Available township funds for the programming won't be discussed until this November, she said.

Part of Carere's effort will be to raise the profile of soccer in Haliburton. This will include regular advertisements in local media about when pick-up will be held.

"Maybe people don't know about soccer or maybe it was the format of playing. For me too running under the Haliburton Soccer Club there was a lot more rules and regulation and communication was a little bit wonky. I was hoping to simplify and say, 'Please, just come out and play,' she said. Carere welcomes feedback and direction from the public as she's open-minded about the way things will be structured, the venue and how to draw more people. Email her at c.carere@bell.net



Finding lost items at JDHES

A parent picks up her daughter's locker contents from the front of J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School on Friday, June 5 in Haliburton. Along with the bagged contents, articles of clothing and assorted items from the lost and found were also set outside the entrance of the school on the front steps and the railings, observing COVID-19 measures to reduce the spread of the coronavirus. If you missed your chance to retrieve lost items, contact the school. / DARREN LUM Staff

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Main message

ONE DAY WHEN we look back to this time in our history, Ontario residents might best be able to describe what it was like with that symbolic head turn that is characteristic of those watching a tennis match.

Don't wear a mask, we were told. Wear a mask, we were told. Go away for March Break, we were told. Stay home, we were told, but go to your cottage, we were told. Avoid gatherings, we were told. This large group socializing at a park cannot be controlled, we were told. Beaches are closed, we were told. And also, open, we were told. Definitely wash your hands – that message has stayed consistent.

For numerous reasons, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in an ever-changing flurry of information that is difficult to take in, even for those well-versed in critical thinking. With information easy to access from regions where the spread of COVID-19 is more under control, and also from areas devastated when it was able to flourish, as well as sometimes conflicting messages from different levels of government, or last-minute provincial announcements that leave municipal staff and business owners scrambling to rearrange operations and organize, it is understandable that many residents are now opting to make the best choices they can based on their own situation. Inevitable as that is, after months of self-isolation and mixed messages from the province, it is essential that as we do that, we consider how our own actions can affect the local community.

"The message is, COVID-19 is not going away and will continue to appear periodically," Dr. Norm Bottum of the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team said last week, in response to a question about what the message to Haliburton County residents is at this time. "We don't know when or where usually, so we all have to do our part to minimize picking up or spreading the

virus, i.e. social distance, hand washing, wear a mask when shopping."

If you are choosing to go out, or if you have to go out, be as safe as possible. Think of others. Understand that asymptomatic carriers can still be superspreaders. Celebrate that we have had few confirmed cases in our area, and let's be mindful of how we live our lives to keep it that way.

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partners are putting plans in place in anticipation of the second wave, which could be a challenge given the fall is typically the beginning of the influenza season."

As the province reopens, there are ways we can help support each other without forgetting what accurate and helpful information we have learned throughout this health crisis. Continue to look out for neighbours, friends, and family. Help support local businesses in whatever way you are able to – be it curbside or takeout or purchasing a gift certificate for later use if you can. Think of others. Be mindful and be kind. These are the same messages shared within our community before the pandemic and will continue to get our vibrant little spot in this world through it.



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Editorial



Skyward Lupins

by Darren Lum

letters to the editor

Human nature in disaster: Resilient, resourceful and generous

To the Editor,

At the beginning of the pandemic, like many of you I went shopping and found shelves bare of toilet paper, flour and cleaning products. At first it appeared that people were panic buying or hoarding, but then I thought maybe everyone really was baking bread. How easy it was for me to slip into thinking that people tend to look out for themselves in times of crisis. About a decade ago, however I read *A Paradise Built in Hell: The Extraordinary Communities That Arise in Disaster* where author Rebecca Solnit reports that "the prevalent human nature in disaster is resilient, resourceful, generous, empathic, and brave." This view of human nature is evident here in Haliburton County as demonstrated by the following "good news" stories from some Haliburton County FoodNet members.

FoodNet agencies come together to address food security. Through sharing information, strategies, best practices and ideas, FoodNet members have been working hard during the pandemic to ensure access to food for all. Agencies have been creative and nimble in their response to an increased demand for food while operating under COVID-19 protocols.

Frozen meals have been an effective way to get good food out to those who need it, but the limiting factor in the past was storage space. Community partners successfully applied for government funding to purchase freezers. Lead organization, SIRCH will be a supply hub for the storage and distribution of frozen meals, allowing more meals to be made and stored when volunteer help and ingredients are available. SIRCH usually makes about 350 to 400 frozen meals per month. However, needs have increased during the pandemic and between May 4 and May 31 they made 2,371 meals and 674 soups. Unable to purchase the needed freezers, six community members loaned some to SIRCH and they are now stocked with meals and placed in non-profit, seniors and family housing complexes around the county.

A generous donation to SIRCH meant that much needed fruit could be provided with each frozen meal given out and volunteers with Lakeside Church stepped up to make at least 100 servings of fruit crisp each week. Over the past month SIRCH has been able to give out 1,371 servings of fruit. Volunteers

give out frozen meals on Saturdays and Sundays at SIRCH's Victoria Street location.

The Rotary Club of Haliburton donated grocery cards to FoodNet agencies and 16 club members have been volunteering to deliver groceries for Haliburton Foodland. With COVID-19 protocols in place, the Rotary Club has also continued to pack out the Good Food Box throughout this challenging time. In May the Club filled 300 orders and served 4 non-profit seniors housing locations in the county.

With people sheltering at home, the 4Cs Food Bank in Haliburton successfully implemented online donations, which resulted in increased support from locals and cottagers. A group of women from Eagle Lake made 50 masks for the volunteers that will staff the 4Cs thrift store once it reopens. Like the 4Cs, the Minden Community Food Centre reports an increase in donations. They also have prepared frozen meals available and are providing extra meals and snacks for children. The food supply chain might be interrupted but it appears that the generosity supply is going strong!

In Highlands East, the Central Food Network (CFN) initially struggled to get enough food when local stores experienced shortages but they report an increase in donations. The Foodland in Wilberforce has been an amazing partner with CFN in offering food delivery service to people isolating and unable to shop for any reason. The Highlands East Community Cooks have been busy in the kitchen preparing meals and fruit crisps to use up bulk donations of perishables they have been given.

Free tax clinics initially had to be cancelled, but with the extension of the tax deadline and some creative planning by CFN volunteers, the clinics are back on. People using the service drop their documents at the post office where a volunteer picks them up, and CFN then mails the documents back to the client. More than ever, it is critical that people receive their refunds.

New partnerships are struck in challenging times. Eagle Lake Community Church, for example, is working with Eagle Lake Country Market to provide extra grocery items to residents. Point in Time made up care packages with donated grocery cards, frozen meals and masks, and gave these to

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Backyard Mechanic

THE OTHER DAY, Jenn hinted that the grass on the front lawn was getting a bit high. What she actually said was, "I was just looking at the lawn. Are you planning on making square or round bales?"

If not for the fact that my canoe, boat, and trailer were hidden somewhere in the tall grass, I might have ignored the comment. Instead, I had to concede that there comes a time in every man's life when he needs to face his fears, walk into the shed and bravely approach his lawn mower.

I won't lie to you. Lawn mower and I have never had what you would call a cordial relationship – in fact, I am sure we'd both prefer to have as little to do with each other as possible. The reasons are many, but I think it is primarily because we do not share the same interests. Yet, over the years I have come to realize that at least one of us should try.

That's why I walked up to it and said, "Hello. You probably don't remember me, but my name is Steve. We worked together for a brief time last summer..."

I know; you're probably thinking why waste time talking to an inanimate object. Well, to be perfectly fair, the lawn mower didn't.

As for myself, I couldn't help it. "Look," I continued, "why don't we try to make this as painless as possible?"

But the mower was not having any of it. Despite the fact that I pulled hard and used every appropriate curse word and sentence, it would not start.

In a perfect world, this would have been cause for celebration. Then again, in a perfect world, I would have never promised Jenn I was going to mow the lawn. At



steve
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Loon Tales

times like this, when his lawn mower is uncooperative, a man's got to do what a man's got to do.

But do you think Jenn would let me take a nap? No sir. Instead, she told me to get the lawn mower started.

So I did what you do at a time like this. I called my buddy Tom who is, like me, a master mechanic. For the purposes of lawn mowers, a master mechanic is someone who has watched at least two YouTube videos on the subject.

"What's up?" Tom said.

"Mower problem," I replied.

"Gas?"

"No, I've been staying away from spicy food," I replied.

"I meant the lawn mower," he said.

"Uh yes," I answered.

"Did you choke it?" he asked.

"Nope, just kicked it once," I replied.

"Primed it?" he queried.

"Affirmative," I said. "Many, many times."

"Flooded?" he said.

"Nope," I answered, "we haven't had much rain at all."

"I meant the lawn mower," he snapped.

"Oh yeah," I answered, "that's what I figure."

Non-master mechanics might be wondering why I consulted with another master mechanic if I knew it was flooded. Well, the short answer is that, when any small engine is flooded, you need to wait a bit so the carburetor can dry out. Otherwise, how are you going to flood it again?

"OK," he said, "let's go through the repair sequence."

With that, I slowly ambled inside, got a ratchet set and spark plug socket, some fine sandpaper, and a sledgehammer just in case. While Tom and I talked about fishing, I then removed the plug, sanded the gap, returned the plug and checked the oil. Then we talked about fishing more until 15 minutes or so had passed. Then I pulled once on the cord and my lawn mower started like a charm – much to my dismay.

The grass got mowed as promised.

Then I phoned Tom and asked him where he got his hay baler.



pic of the past

Logging trucks aren't what they used to be. This image from the Haliburton Highlands Museum shows a few men loading logs onto a truck bearing the name C.W. Hodgson Forest Products. Museum curator Stephen Hill thinks the truck was an International. The photo dates to the 1940s. Don't forget, you can still buy a copy of the museum's beautiful coffee table book of historic photos.

letters to the editor

Charities resourceful amid pandemic

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families during this difficult time. With school closed, Food for Kids responded by re-directing funds to community organizations like Point in Time and CFN that can connect the money, otherwise spent on the School Nutrition Program, to children and their families.

Food security is a long-standing concern in Haliburton County, and the pandemic has heightened

the issue. We can celebrate the resourcefulness of our human service agencies and the caring actions of volunteers and donors. This crisis also gives us time to reflect on our core values. Let's continue to work together to ensure that everyone has enough income with which to live a dignified life.

Judy Paul
Member, Haliburton County FoodNet

A cautionary tale

To the Editor,

Every year to commemorate Earth Day, my workplace used to host a "hundred-mile" meal. The idea was to consume food that was grown or raised within a 100-mile radius. It became abundantly clear that in April, while meat was plentiful, local fruit and vegetables were not. Prior to widespread availability of fruits and vegetables shipped in from all parts of the world, our pioneer ancestors were living on preserves. It's a cautionary tale.

External economic infusions, whether that is in the form of tourism, cottagers or fresh fruit and vegetables being sold year round, are critical to the well-being of Haliburton. Going back to the Haliburton of the 1920s, while picturesque, is not palatable for most people. I understand too that there is often an irrational and shortsighted rift between people who reside locally and those who come up seasonally. But the cold truth remains: there would be no living locally for most people without a seasonal influx of people willing to spend money here.

The economic impact made by seasonal resi-

dents not only make it viable for full time rural dwellers to live here but their spending at the ski hill, the supermarket and the record store has elevated the standard of living (not to mention expanded the choices) in Haliburton for everyone. In fact most businesses in Haliburton could not survive without people coming in every summer. How this coming summer unfolds for these businesses deeply concerns me.

I am a hybrid. My house is near Haliburton but, until recently, I lived at my workplace 120 km away. I doubt I would be considered local but I don't feel seasonal either. Asking cottagers to stay away was a reasonable request in the early going of this pandemic but as restrictions are lifted in the coming weeks, gratitude towards visitors and seasonal residents would not be misplaced.

This quarantine will pass and while people will always go to their cottages, they regularly make a conscious decision to make their purchases locally.

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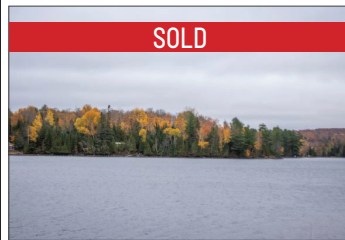
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Make Dreams Come True continues to mark achievements

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

COVID-19 has changed the way we live, but this doesn't mean it has to diminish the achievement of graduates, whether it's for Grade 8 students graduating, or high schoolers moving on to life after school or on to a post-secondary institution, the milestone is worth recognizing in a special way, said Jenn Abbott of Make Dreams Come True.

"I'm trying to spread the word of what we're doing to kind of give the kids something to look forward to so they can get dressed up and feel good about their accomplishments, really," she said.

In its sixth year, Make Dreams Come True continues, albeit a little differently amidst the pandemic.

It is a community effort, which takes formal clothing donations from the public and re-distributes it to enable graduating students to find formal clothing (from head to toe) close to home and for free. This year picking clothing must be done remotely through online correspondence and while photo sessions are being offered it must be coordinated for safety with photographer Chantel Smith, who was there at the beginning of Make Dreams Come True. This is open to any

Grade 8 graduates or high school students graduating for as long as there is a need.

Although Abbott has welcomed donations in the past, she is discouraging donations now due to the risk of contracting the coronavirus.

The mother of a 19-year-old, 10-year-old, four-year-old and a 13-month-old has not left her house since March 14 to ensure the safety of her children, but also herself, as she has an autoimmune disease, colitis.

She recommends sending relevant information such as size and colour preferences, including photos of ensembles or articles of clothing graduates want to give her an idea where to begin her search.

"Keep in mind everything is in boxes and bins in my basement. So, it takes me a while to go through everything," she said.

Once an ensemble or article of clothing is chosen and pick-up time is confirmed, it will be left in a bag outside her home.

Abbott said she will do her best to fulfill the demands of graduates, but wants people to be patient and to be open to compromise to avoid disappointment.

Mothers such as Beverley-Anne Reid and Serena Kelly raved about Make Dreams Come True and were thankful to Abbott for her efforts in enabling their children to receive formal attire to high-light graduation.

Reid's daughter, who will be graduating from Grade 8, was having trouble finding a dress online.

Through Facebook and testimonials of friends, who had benefited from Make Dreams Come True, the Reids learned of the opportunity to get outfitted locally.

All it took was her daughter to see the the strapless, peachy/pink, floor length dress with rhinestones to know it was the one.

"It just caught my daughter's eye and she's like, 'That's the one.'" she said.

Along with the dress, there was a bag of make-up and jewelry also included. Abbott is still searching for a pair of shoes for the Grade 8 graduate.

Reid said she wants to give back to Abbott's efforts and will be donating clothing once it is safe to do so.

Kelly said her son, who is graduating Grade 8, received an entire formal ensemble for her son. She said this included dress pants, shirt, jacket and shoes.

"It helps families and makes every child feel special, as some families need the help like this with the pandemic going on and [how] no one can get out and shop," she wrote.

Abbott said Make Dreams Come True isn't about charity or giving away old clothing.

It's about making the process of acquir-

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It helps families and makes every child feel special.

— Serena Kelly

ing formal clothing easier. This helps parents and enables all graduates to have the same opportunity to dress up to mark an academic achievement that only happens once in a person's lifetime, which is even more important during this time of uncertainty when everyone needs a little help.

She said, "We're all in it together until after the virus."

Learn more about Make Dreams Come True on Facebook, which has posted images of clothing, or on the Haliburton Buy and Sell on Facebook. Message Abbott or contact by phone at 705-455-3323 to co-ordinate getting a graduating ensemble for yourself or if you know of a graduate in need.

Province announces additional internet funding amid COVID-19 crisis

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Last week, the provincial government announced more funding for internet infrastructure in Ontario, aimed at bringing enhanced broadband and cellular service to rural, remote and under-served areas.

The \$150 million in funding is part of a \$315-million program from the province called Up to Speed: Ontario's Broadband and Cellular Action Plan.

At a June 3 press conference, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP and Ontario Infrastructure Minister Laurie Scott said the self-isolation protocols of the COVID-19 pandemic have underscored the need for reliable internet that allows more people to work from home.

"By doing their part and staying home to help stop the spread of COVID-19, the people of Ontario have demonstrated the need to be connected to learn, work, and run their businesses," Scott said. "It appears that functioning remotely will continue to be a regular way of life for many in this new environment, and fast

reliable internet will be critical."

Organizations including municipal governments and non-profit groups, as well as telecom companies, can apply for funding for projects under the program.

In terms of broadband cellular connectivity throughout eastern Ontario, the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus continues to work on its massive, \$213-million cell gap project through its Eastern Ontario Regional Network, the project aiming to essentially eradicate gaps in service throughout the region with the construction of new telecommunications towers.

"Although the recent announcement for funding from the province is to be applauded, it will likely be better suited for smaller private and municipal projects," Haliburton County Warden Liz Danielsen told the *Echo* in an email. "Whatever portion of that funding EORN might quality for would, in essence, be a drop in the bucket when compared against the overall cost of the project about to get underway or future projects being proposed."

Danielsen, who sits on the EOWC, said its members would be meeting with MPPs to discuss not only enhanced inter-

net service, but other priorities that have been raised by the COVID-19 crisis.

"Members of the warden's caucus will be meeting with a number of Ontario's MPPs in the near future to address this need along with offers of assistance in planning for improved long-term health-care and planning for the overall economy and municipal recovery, not only of eastern Ontario, but all of Ontario given the overall impact of the pandemic," Danielsen wrote. "Meanwhile we will continue to be a strong voice on behalf of Haliburton County and all of our residents."

While 63 per cent of households and businesses within the area served by EOWC do not have access to the standard broadband downloading/uploading speed of 50/10 Mbps, "in actuality, when you remove the cities in eastern Ontario, only approximately 46 per cent of rural municipalities have access to relatively decent service," Danielsen told the paper. "During the pandemic we have all found that the need to access better service is critical if we are to work in a newly crafted environment, which will likely be the case for some time to come if not permanently. It has been said that the pandemic has in fact, created a great divide

in access to service depending on where you live."

The \$213-million EORN project includes \$71 million in funding from each of the federal and provincial governments, and \$10 million in funding from the member municipalities of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, which includes Haliburton County. The County of Haliburton will contribute up to \$565,000 to the project, and the remaining \$61 million is to be funded by mobile service providers.

Initial requests for proposals for the project were recently released, and it's expected to take three to four years to complete.

"All of the members of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus were unanimous in their support of EORN's recommendation to pursue expanded service in cooperation with higher levels of government and the private sector," Danielsen wrote. "The unfortunate aspect of the work that will get underway later this year is that a project of this magnitude will still take considerable time and it will be a number of years before completion and until we can compete with urban areas."



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Hair and beauty salons may re-open

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barber shops and hair salons, beauty salons and tattoo parlours. Tours, including biking, walking, bus and boat tours, as well as tasting tours at wineries, breweries and distilleries, may resume. Recreational water facilities such as splash pads, wading pools and swimming pools may reopen with protocols in place, as well as outdoor recreational facilities for team sports, with processes in place to enable physical distancing. Camping at private campgrounds, as well as beach access and camping at provincial parks, will also be permitted to resume.

"The health and long-term economic well-being of the people of Ontario has guided every decision we have made in response to COVID-19," Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance and chairman of the Ontario Jobs and Recovery Committee, said in a statement. "The people and employers of Ontario have demonstrated responsible behaviour throughout the global pandemic. I'm confident that will continue in Stage 2 and beyond. Our collective health and the economic recovery of the province depend on it."

The release also indicates the province will soon be releasing information on the reopening of daycares, summer camps and public transit.

Katie's Run goes virtual

Katie's Run for Epilepsy, an annual event that has taken place every summer in Haliburton, Ontario since 2012 in support of epilepsy research, will look a little different on July 11 as its ninth annual event goes virtual.

To ensure the safety of participants and volunteers, Katie's Run activities will be held virtually through Facebook and Instagram. By registering, participants can choose their own 2.5-kilometre, five-kilometre or 10-kilometre route to run, walk or jog in their own neighbourhoods, fundraise, enter to win prizes, and then connect through social media all day on July 11. In addition to sharing their own photos and results online, participants can look forward to updates, photos, announcements and guest appearances.

"Due to the virtual nature of our event, we look forward to engaging with new participants who haven't been able to attend the event in Haliburton, while welcoming back past participants, volunteers, sponsors and donors," says co-founder Geri Woudstra. "This year's online activities will include an auction, giveaways, a virtual warm-up and send-off, as well as special guest appearances."

The event will welcome back Anthony Farnell, chief meteorologist at Global News Toronto, as the emcee for the event, along with his sidekick, Storm the Weather Dog. There will also be appearances by "Man in Motion" Rick Hansen, Haliburton's NHL hockey star Matt Duchene from the Nashville Predators, Purple Day Founder Cassidy Megan, and Olympic bobsled medalist Alex Kopacz. There will also be a focus on sharing stories based on this year's theme – Children and Youth Living with Epilepsy.

With the new virtual format, Katie's Run is looking forward to another successful event. This year they have once again partnered with EpLink – the Epilepsy Research Program of the Ontario Brain Institute to fundraise for epilepsy research with an ultimate goal of raising \$60,000.

Since the first event in 2012, Katie's Run has grown to include a dedicated community of sponsors, donors, volunteers and participants, which has helped them raise over \$319,000 for epilepsy research. They hope to continue this legacy and provide much needed funding for epilepsy research in Ontario.

To participate, donate or become a sponsor for this year's virtual event, please visit www.katiesrun.ca.

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Haliburton and District Lions Club members David Mills, left, Betty Mills, Jim Frost and Marilyn Frost stand in front of six recently donated and planted willow trees in Head Lake Park on the shoreline of the Drag River on Thursday, June 4. The Lions Club's \$2,500 donation covered the cost of purchasing and planting, which was made to recognize the 100th anniversary of Lions in Canada and to display the club's commitment to the environment. The trees are expected to help with reducing the shoreline's erosion. /DARREN LUM Staff

Celebrating 100 Years of Lions in Canada

Look for the Haliburton Lions in Head Lake Park.

The Haliburton Lions are proudly celebrating milestones in the history of Lions Clubs International. The year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of Lions in Canada. The Haliburton Lions donated \$2,500 to cover the cost of planting six new willow trees along the banks of the river in Head Lake Park to help stop the danger of erosion. The trees celebrate the club's Canadian centennial and contribute to our commitment to the environment. Back in 2017, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of the Lions, we created a Centennial Garden in Head Lake Park and later installed a bench.

The Association of Lions Clubs was formed in Chicago Illinois in 1917. In 1920, the Border City Lions Club (Windsor) was formed and Lions became International. Since then the International Association of Lions Clubs has become the largest service organization in the world.

Since our beginnings in 1978, your Haliburton Lions have proudly supported the communities we serve. Even in these challenging times, we continue to meet on line and carry on with our service work. Thank you to all who support us in our efforts. It's great to be a Lion...We Serve.

Submitted by the Haliburton Lions



Rally for Rhubarb

Above, SIRCH employees Judith Bamford, from left, and Lydia Kim prepare donated rhubarb for assorted desserts such as blueberry-rhubarb tarts, strawberry-rhubarb tarts and apple-rhubarb tarts on Friday, June 5 at SIRCH Central in Haliburton. This was part of SIRCH's Rally for Rhubarb initiative, which took rhubarb donations from the public and produced desserts to enable people to get one full serving of fruit per dessert. The goal was to collect 6.5 bushels of rhubarb. Collection of the rhubarb was from June 5 to 7. /DARREN LUM Staff



Left, before the first day of collection was over there were two bushels of rhubarb donated by the community for SIRCH's Rally for Rhubarb initiative.



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Tab: Exhibitors; Exhibitor Directory

Special thanks to all vendors who signed up for the 2020 show. We look forward to seeing everyone again in 2021.



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Province lifts restrictions on short-term rentals

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

<https://www.wspc.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Downloads/covid-19-tourism-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf>

As of June 5, the provincial government lifted restrictions put in place on short-term rentals amid the COVID-19 outbreak, meaning they can again legally operate.

The province announced June 4 that commencing just after midnight on Friday, June 5, short-term rental accommodations could once again accept guests.

"This decision follows additional actions the government has taken to support our provincial seasonal travel and tourism in Ontario, which include the re-opening of provincial parks for day use, the gradual reintroduction of backcountry camping at provincial parks and the reopening of marinas and golf courses," reads correspondence from the office of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP and Ontario Infrastructure Minister Laurie Scott. "The government's responsible and measured approach to reopening allows business owners and service providers time to ensure workplaces are safe for staff, consumers and the general public. Operators must continue to follow occupational health and safety guidelines and follow the advice of local and provincial public health officials."

The health and safety guidelines for tourism and hospitality operators amid the COVID-19 outbreak can be found at

Short-term rentals had been banned under emergency orders from the province amid the pandemic, however, as Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt pointed out during a Haliburton County council in meeting in late May, residents had continued to privately rent out their cottages anyway.

"Short-term rentals are supposed to be not operating, but they are," Moffatt said at the meeting. "I'm getting an awful lot of complaints and concerns from people who are saying that the rental place next to them is, you know, full of two or three families every weekend."

County council had been concerned this created an unfair situation, as resort owners continued to keep their doors closed. The county was seeking clarity from the province as to what types of rental accommodations were permitted to operate, with proper safety protocols. While the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit had clarified that if rental accommodations were considered "shared accommodations" they could operate as essential services under emergency orders from the province.

The June 4 announcement made it clear that all lodges, cabins, bed-and-breakfasts and privately rented homes, cottages and condominiums were included in the June 5 re-opening.

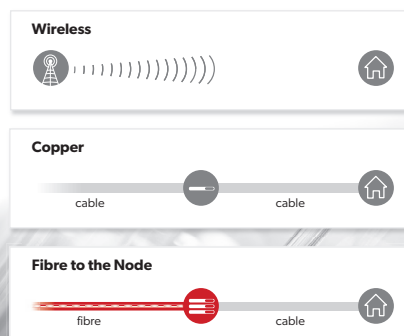
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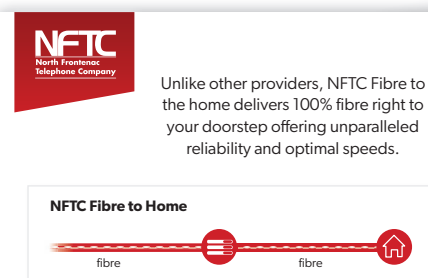
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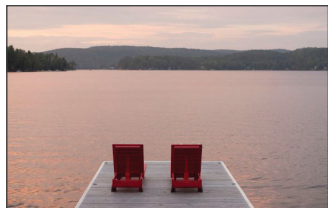
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NEW LISTING



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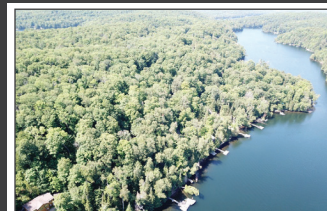
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Andrew Hodgson***
286-2138 x 29

Silver Beach \$479,000

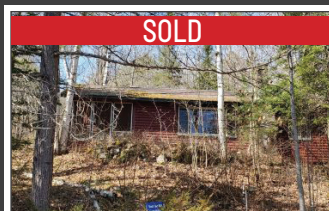
- Open concept, 3-bedroom, 2 bath condo
- Located in a premium no maintenance Lifestyle community on Lake Kashagawigamog



Susanne James*
& Andy Mosher**
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David Lee*
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- 2 bedrooms + loft for overflow
- Screened room 3 pc bath



SOLD



Brandon Nimigon*
457-2128 x 27

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- Custom-crafted 4 season, under 2H from GTA
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NEW LISTING



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- 7,000 square foot (5,000+2,000 mezzanine level) industrial building
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Kirsten Rae*
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Industrial Park Rd \$1,350,000

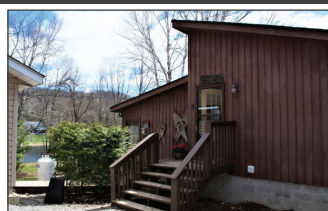
- 12,000 sq ft of mixed use industrial and commercial space
- Sitting on a private 6.75 acre lot in Haliburton
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Darlene Reil*
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Loop Road \$220,000

- Food Truck and 1100+ sq.ft building with multiple uses.
- Good location.



SOLD



Christine Sharp*
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Soyers Lake \$474,900

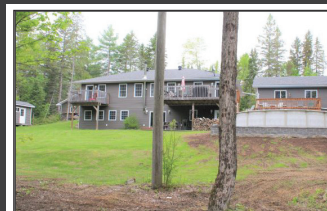
- Quiet bay, 344' waterfront
- 4 season home
- 2 acres



Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 28

Miskwabi Lake \$449,000

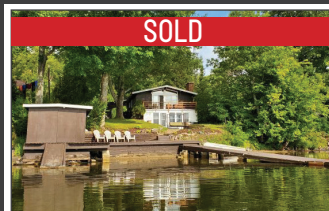
- Idyllic 1920 Sq Ft country home
- 2+2 Bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms
- Open concept living, fully renovated
- Deeded access to Miskwabi Lake



Melanie Vigrass*
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Minden Executive Home \$549,000

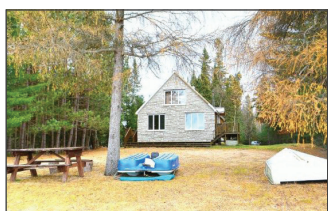
- Bungalow w/finished walk-out lower level
- 4 Bdrms, 2.5 baths, Cathedral Ceilings
- On Beaver Creek, 2 acres.
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- CLUES ACROSS

 - 1. American composer
 - 6. Very fast aircraft
 - 9. Workplaces
 - 13. A mount on a surface
 - 14. Small freshwater fish
 - 15. Double-reed instrument
 - 16. Canadian flyers
 - 17. Famed astronomer
 - 18. Smooth, shiny fabric
 - 19. Profited
 - 21. Conspiracy
 - 22. Infections
 - 23. Chum
 - 24. Secondary school (abbr.)
 - 25. Resistance unit
 - 28. Sound unit
 - 29. Ancient city of Egypt
 - 31. Crease
 - 33. Polished
 - 36. For goodness __!
 - 38. College basketball tournament
 - 39. Scorches
 - 41. Describe precisely
 - 44. Thick piece of something
 - 45. Frocks
 - 46. Indicates near
 - 48. Senior enlisted US Army member
 - 49. A note added to a letter
- 51. A nose or snout
 - 52. Clumsy
 - 54. Satisfied to the fullest
 - 56. Display of strong feeling
 - 60. Popular awards show
 - 61. Cuisine style
 - 62. Expresses pleasure
 - 63. Monetary unit of the Maldives
 - 64. Utah city
 - 65. Fight
 - 66. Messenger ribonucleic acid
 - 67. Body part
 - 68. Suspiciously reluctant

CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Fruit of the service tree
 - 2. At some prior time
 - 3. Mongolian city __ Bator
 - 4. Strongboxes
 - 5. Russian river
 - 6. Gurus
 - 7. Horse mackerel
 - 8. Pearl Jam's debut album
 - 9. Confines
 - 10. First month of Jewish ecclesiastical year
 - 11. Famed Idaho politician
 - 12. Prevents from seeing
 - 14. Indicate time
- 17. Male parents
 - 20. Tab on a key ring
 - 21. The Great Dog constellation: __ Major
 - 23. Frying necessity
 - 25. Former CIA
 - 26. The leader
 - 27. Produces
 - 29. London soccer club
 - 30. Closes
 - 32. Region in the western Pacific Ocean
 - 34. Not present
 - 35. Small drink of whiskey
 - 37. Begat
 - 40. Helps little firms
 - 42. Pointed end of a pen
 - 43. Fencing swords
 - 47. Inches per minute (abbr.)
 - 49. Hymn
 - 50. Philippine island
 - 52. Flemish names of Ypres
 - 53. A way to inform
 - 55. Small lake
 - 56. Linear unit
 - 57. Central Japanese city
 - 58. Partially burn
 - 59. Sports award
 - 61. Part of your foot
 - 65. Atomic #21

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with an entrance by the curling club, and Haliburton's will be held in Rotary Park, due to changes made prior to the pandemic in anticipation of renovation work being done in Head Lake Park. All will be set up in the shape of the letter U, with one entrance, a one-direction walk-through and no turning back.

"If you forgot to pick up your bread, you'll have to go back in, just like in a grocery store, you don't turn around and go against the arrow," said Janca, referencing physical distancing measures that include signage in place at grocery stores.

The HCFMA is asking customers to wear masks and follow guidelines posted at the market locations, and is also spreading vendors out to offer physical distancing. A curbside option is not available, but Janca said customers are encouraged to contact vendors in advance to order and pre-pay if possible, and cash used that day will use a system so that money in circulation from customers is kept separate from money used as change in return.

"Public health feels that if the change has sat for 72 hours, if money has sat for 72 hours, the virus won't survive so quarantine cash will be available," said Janca. "We're not actually handling the money so this is between the vendors, but we have already sent them a set of protocols ... Then the vendor can use public health procedures to make sure the cash they've collected is then safe, whether that be washing it, quarantining it for a period, or whatever."

Additionally, food will be available, but not ready-to-eat meals, as per public health regulations. Janca had recently heard artisan vendors might be able to be included but didn't have further information at press time

Janca notes the changes might be disappointing to some regular market goers – he said the lack of prepared meals breaks his heart, noting, "I love those falafels" – but he said he appreciated that the market itself is considered an essential service on the province's list and he said the public health unit did help develop a plan to open. Many of the vendors were able to return, although some had to opt out for reasons including making prior commitments due to the late start in the markets opening.

"These vendors are small business people, and I think that small business people all over are the ones that are going to take the biggest financial hit," he said. "This is a way to support your community, if you are a customer, to support your community directly ... We have statistics from

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If you forget to pick up your bread, you'll have to go back in.

— Gus Janca, HCFMA

past years that show that when a dollar comes into the farmers' market, it turns over a number of times in this community," he said. "It's also become very evident that people here are turning back to local food and seeing the value of having locally grown food where you are trustworthy of the person, the person that's behind that table is the one that grew that food. There's a real movement toward that and we are really pleased we can continue with that tradition."

Janca said the pandemic has resulted, for some people, in "glimpses of the downside of the global market," for example in our reliance on goods like personal protective equipment from other countries.

"I think we should be looking at other commodities, especially food," he said. "We need to have food security. Food security means that if the global market collapses, we still can eat. By supporting your local farmer, that's working toward that."

A May 25 press release from the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District health unit encourages farmers' markets to sell online as "the best approach to use at this time," but also accepted detailed plans and proposals from markets wishing to open, with "details on how the market will maintain physical distancing, ensure proper handwashing, and follow appropriate cleaning/protocols," which are then reviewed for approval by a public health inspector.

"During COVID-19, farmers who sell locally-grown and sourced foods in Haliburton County, Northumberland County and the City of Kawartha Lakes must keep the health and safety of the community top of mind," reads the HKPRDHU release.

Further information about the Haliburton County Farmers' Markets is available at <http://www.hcfma.ca>.

What to know about the Farmers' Market

Minden: Saturdays, starting June 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Minden fairgrounds, parking at the Minden Curling Club.

Haliburton: Tuesdays, starting June 16, noon to 4 p.m. at Rotary Park.

Stanhope: Fridays, starting June 26, noon to 4 p.m. at Stanhope Community Centre

HCFMA encourages everyone attending the market to please adhere to all required COVID-19 rules which will be posted

prominently and to wear a mask.

All markets will be one-way walk through, and customers must maintain proper social distancing.

Pre-ordering, pick up and go and contactless payment will be encouraged. Please check out our website www.hcfma.ca for details.

Submitted by Gus Janca, secretary, HCFMA

County museums highlight unique pieces

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Museums throughout the county remain closed during the provincial state of emergency in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We asked museum staff and volunteers to reflect on what the most fascinating piece in their collection is so that we might have a glimpse inside even when the doors are closed.



Victorian motto samplers were purchased at a local garage sale and entered into the collection of the Minden Museum at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre in 2007. /From the Minden Hills Cultural Centre blog

Minden Hills Cultural Centre

Shannon Quigley, curatorial programming assistant at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, has a keen interest in embroidery, and notes the Victorian motto samplers on display at Bowron House at the Minden Hills Museum to be particularly striking, inspiring her to post a series of embroidery tutorials on Facebook.

Acquired at a local garage sale and donated to the Minden collection in 2007, one of the samplers at the Bowron House reads "Forget Me Not," which Quigley, in a blog post, wrote could have been made in memory of a loved one, while another reads "Old Oaken Bucket," the title of a nostalgic song about childhood memories.

"Victorian motto samplers were hand embroidered onto perforated card or punched paper," Quigley wrote in the blog post about motto samplers. "They had common phrases that celebrated home life and evoked a Victorian desire to return to simpler times."

Quigley invites the public to let her know of any books, articles or historic sources in which she can learn more about motto samplers.

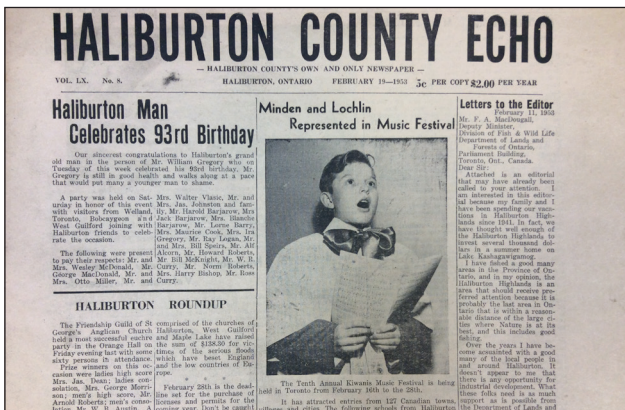
"Simple, affordable, and personable, motto samplers were incredibly popular in the late 1800s," she wrote. "They are highly collectible and easy to find on eBay and etsy. Given their popularity, when I sat down to research their history, I hoped to find a trove of virtual museum exhibits and scholarly articles to share. Instead it seems that very little has been written about them or their significance as social history objects."

To read more about Victorian Motto samplers and embroidery, as well as other initiatives at the MHCC, visit the Minden Hills Cultural Centre blog: <https://mindenhillsculturalcentre.blog/>

Haliburton Highlands Museum

Kate Butler, Haliburton Highlands Museum director, said she and curator Steve Hill were "spoiled for choice," in thinking about the most fascinating item in the museum's collection.

"There are some items that I have to admit I love on an aesthetic level, some because they've innovative and some because of the use they've seen which gives them so much character," she wrote to the *Echo*. "Above all though, the items in our collection are about their stories. Each artifact has multiple stories – stories, of course, of how it was made and how it was used. Beyond that though, it's the story of who used it, how they used it



William Gregory's 93rd birthday celebration was celebrated on the front page of the *Echo* in 1953. "Amazing to think he would have been born in 1860," said Kate Butler of the Haliburton Highlands museum.

and what role it played in their life that makes it stand out as a part of our community's history. For that reason, the items that we've chosen as most fascinating are quite literally about stories – those of the *Haliburton Echo*!" Butler chose the museum's archival collection of newspapers.

"The *Echo* has been telling stories of our community since 1884 and in its pages are contained the day to day life of our community," she said. "It certainly isn't a complete run, but it does provide a fascinating insight into our community's history. I know that whenever I go to look up something in an issue, all kinds of other things will catch my eye. Perhaps what was playing at the Molou Theatre that week, what happened at the Rotary Carnival or who was celebrating a major milestone. I love the advertisements as well, seeing what was being promoted and often the prices things were on sale for. I also love the columns which detail quite literally the daily happenings of our community – things such as who was on holiday, who had a dinner party or who was taking a course out of town. These columns were the social media of their day in an era before social media. History is as much in the day to day living as it is in the large and momentous historical events, and that's why I think our local papers are such a treasure."

Hill, meanwhile, chose the printing press in the museum's collection as being a stand-out item.

"The press survived a fire on Minden's main street in 1942, before the paper moved its offices to Haliburton, which is a story in and of itself," said Butler. "Just imagine thinking to pull a huge printing press out into the street, during a time like that. It made perfect sense to try and save the press though. Not only was it about the livelihood of the paper, it was also a vital communication tool. It's a job press, which could be used to print all the kinds of items that we take for granted can be designed on a computer today. It's amazing that this press has survived and that it's still in working order after all these years. It's a testament to the people throughout our community's history that have been passionate about documenting its story."

To read more about the county's history through the years, follow Haliburton Highlands Museum on social media, or visit <http://www.haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com>.

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Highland Grove Museum

John Jamieson said the Highland Grove Museum's three important events: a strawberry social, heritage day and hunters' turkey supper have all been affected by the social gathering regulations in place because of the pandemic, but the museum projects including the creation of hard-covered books documenting family genealogies and heritage events continues.

"The Highland Grove Museum is perhaps the smallest of the museums in the county," said Jamieson. "But, we try to make up for it in community gatherings and unique heritage material."

Besides the production of the books – more than 50 different books have been produced – taxidermy projects are continuing as well.

"A main endeavour of the museum is to expose young people to a wide display of Canadian wildlife that have been made by taxidermy," said Jamieson. "Many people may have seen road kill or animals scooting across a road, but never had a chance to see them up close and natural. The museum has a display which includes a beaver, marten, fisher, mink, porcupine, ermine, black bear, otter, rabbit and wolverine. But, two recent animals made are a timber wolf and lynx. These cannot be added to the collection until COVID-19 is suppressed. In addition, two white wolves from the Saskatchewan-NWT border and two wolverines with outstanding colours have been obtained by the Fur Harvesters Auction and are awaiting to be tanned and mounted for the community to view at special events."

Creating in-house coffee mugs documenting historical events or family pictures has also been put on pause temporarily.

"We can still do the work, but not at the museum,"

see **WILBERFORCE** page 16



A small lynx is ready for the Highland Grove museum taxidermy collection, when the building reopens again. / Submitted by John Jamieson

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Wilberforce housed Ontario's first Red Cross hospital

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Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost

At the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost historic house museum, the site of the first Red Cross Outpost Hospital in Ontario and the first hospital in Haliburton County, a film about the Red Cross Outpost nursing service has been in the past typically shown daily at 1 p.m., or by request.

"We have decided on our historic film about the Red Cross Outpost Nursing Service that began in Wilberforce in 1922 and spread rapidly to other rural Canadian communities," said Barb Schofield of the Outpost's board members' choice for most fascinating item at the museum.

"The film is about 20 minutes long, was made in the 1940s and shot largely in the Wilberforce area," she said. "It depicts the Outpost nurse going about her duties including visiting new mothers and their babies, checking on the health of local school children, and treating accident injuries. You see the various ways the nurse travelled such as car, horse and snowshoe. The film includes many Wilberforce residents and shows the



A historic film about the Red Cross Outpost Nursing Service is a valued piece at the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost, where it is shown to guests. /Submitted by Barb Schofield

nurse interacting with daily and social events in the community."

Schofield said even the way in which the film was acquired is interesting. "In the late 1970s, Reginald Schofield, the nephew of Alfred Schofield, the founder of the Wilberforce Outpost, saw a television commercial that included a brief clip of couples dancing," she said. "He recognized this as being filmed at a dance held in Wilberforce. His wife, Winnifred Schofield, was able to track the film down to a company in Toronto and purchase a copy. When the Red Cross Outpost Museum opened in 1991 the film was donated to us."

To learn more about the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Museum, visit <http://www.redcrossoutpost.org>.

Stanhope Museum

The Stanhope Museum committee has no shortage of ideas when it comes to interesting pieces, either, listing a liquor plebiscite from the 1950s; a township bylaw for public morals; an original patent land book; a working replica of the Hawk Lake log chute, and an antique corn sheller, a fun find for museum guests who enjoy guessing what it is.

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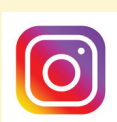
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Stanhope Museum retains council minutes dating to 1861

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"To me personally, the most interesting thing, and I think the most valuable for tracing the history of a community are the documentary artifacts, so what I would call the foundational papers, for sure," said Carol Moffatt, who sits on the committee and is mayor of Algonquin Highlands. "It's actually our collection of original foundational documents, all handwritten in big loopy writing on blue onion skin paper. Other than the standing orders for the creation of Stanhope Township, we have every bylaw, and books, and books and books of council minutes, all handwritten, back to Day 1, 1861."

Within that collection is the original patent lands book, a ledger in which is written every lot and concession, the name of every person, how much acreage and the date the land was patented to them.

"There's fun stuff in there ... in the 50s .. there was a plebiscite about whether or not Stanhope should stay dry, and then from somewhere in the 1890s there's a bylaw to govern public morals," said Moffatt. "There's some fun and interesting historical milestones in the growth of the community."

Moffatt said to the best of her knowledge, there are very few collections anywhere in Ontario like the one in Stanhope, in part because the township has never had a

flood or a fire that left paperwork destroyed like in many other communities.

The Stanhope Museum's collection also includes the county's first "telephone book," a typewritten list from 1921. In that year, a petition was sent to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, "praying for the establishment of a telephone system" in Stanhope, said Moffatt.

"The first telephone was installed in the farmhouse of Mr. Clair Sisson on Grass Lake Road," said Moffatt. "On Nov. 29, 1921, the first phone call in Haliburton County was placed from Rogers' Store in Carnarvon to the Sisson farmhouse. A telephone list typed by Clair Sisson in December 1921 lists 105 subscribers on nine circuits, but the annual report of the system for the year ending 1929, indicates only 79 phones. It's unknown if Mr. Sisson's list was accurate or whether 25 subscribers left the system in those eight years."

The story is just one, filled with details, that has been documented by Moffatt, alongside thousands of files that include photographs, letters and articles.

"My heart sings with this stuff," she said, describing herself as a documentary artifact nerd. "There's just no end to interesting stories."

You can follow Stanhope Museum on social media, or visit stanhopemuseum.on.ca.



Stanhope was home to the county's "first phone book", first created in 1921.
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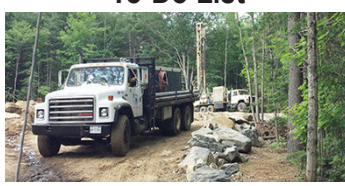
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Common lilac



Pineapple lily

Social distancing will be good for my garden: Control+Alt+Delete*

The final in a series of garden tasks we can complete while practicing social distancing

LILAC BUSHES are in full bloom and the old fashioned fragrance is wafting across the garden. These hardy shrubs are dotted across the countryside, planted by early settlers as both a reminder of the homes they came from and as an integral part of transforming the wilderness into cultivated and managed land. The plants do not spread well by seed in the wild so all of those hedges of lilac that you see along roads were likely planted on homesteads that have long since vanished.

No lilacs are native to Haliburton County, Canada or North America. The common lilac, botanically *Syringa vulgaris*, and its cousins hail from the Balkans (Eastern Europe) and parts of Asia. But Canada did play a large role in some of the best hybrids sold for our present day gardens.

Garden



Belinda
Gallagher

Musings

Canadian Isabella Preston was the first professional female hybridist and while working at the Central Experimental Farm, she crossed domesticated and wild species, eventually producing the Canadian-hardy Preston lilacs. Later blooming,

they make excellent accents at the back of a perennial border. Preston's work was complimented by the work of Dr. Frank Skinner at his family homestead in Roblin, Manitoba. One of his best is "Hiawatha" with pale, pink blooms.

Lilacs are easy care plants, requiring at least six hours of sunshine a day and well-drained soil. In fact, well-drained soil is key to flowering and is the primary reason they do so well here in this county.

When the lilac blooms, it is time for the final spring chore, moving the pots of summer-flowering bulbs outside. The exotic blooms of canna lily, calla lily, pineapple lily and Cape lily are lovely additions to our deck and patio. Although the common names all suggest they are lilies, in fact, none of them are in the family *Lilium* or even closely related to the bulbous lilies we grow in our flower borders.

Cannas are closely related to bananas and ginger, Cape and pineapple lilies are cousins to asparagus and callas are in the same family as our natives – skunk cabbage and Jack-in-the-pulpit. All are tropical. Cape, calla and pineapple "lilies" have their origin in South Africa while the canna's native range is the southern part of U.S. down to Argentina.

The pots of bulbs spend summer grouped with houseplants on the part-shade side of the house and then win-



Calla lily

ter in the cold-room. I have room for the pots, but the bulbs can be dug and stored like gladiolus or dahlias in mesh bags or trays if you are short on space.

When first placed outside, I add a scoop of slow release fertilizer to each pot and top up the soil mix. Other than that they are on their own except for the occasional watering if we don't have regular rainfall.

It seems providential that this, the last of the spring chores coincides with the easing of the COVID-19 restrictions. Learning to social distance was certainly easier while sharing my garden chores with you.

There are some that think we can now hit Control-Alt-Delete and life will reboot as it was before this pandemic. I believe that I will follow nature's pattern and think more cut and paste. Nature follows a cycle but absorbs the changes that happen from season to season and year to year. Daffodils bloom every spring but might be flattened by hail or fried by heat. Rhubarb will sprout but may bolt, or go to seed, before the frayed gardener (me) gets to the task of harvesting.

The quiet time between tulips and peonies is a good time for us to reflect upon the last twelve weeks and ease into the new-normal. Stay safe, and don't forget the summer weeding.

*Control-Alt-Delete is a combination of three keys (Ctrl, Alt,



Cape lily with spider

Delete) on a PC keyboard held down simultaneously to close a frozen computer application that is not responding or to reboot the whole system.

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■ **HEALTHY COMMUNITIES**

Share the Road wins municipal award

ANGELICA BLENICH
Staff reporter

Haliburton's Share the Road initiative has become more than just a cycling program thanks to an award the county recently received.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities recognized Haliburton County for its contribution to transportation sustainability at the first-ever Municipal Awards of Excellence, held May 29.

The awards spotlighted municipal achievements in a range of areas, with 22 municipalities and individuals honoured in categories such as innovation in sustainable practices to involvement in international municipal cooperation.

Haliburton was presented with a sustainable community award for building capacity for active transportation in Haliburton County.

Sue Shikaze, health promoter for the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, and the person behind the

See **Project** page 10



DARREN LUM/Echo

On the safari

Five-year-old Olivia emerges from the "jungle tunnel" during the Stuart Baker Elementary School Safari Day this past Thursday night. This event is the school's only fundraiser and is organized by the parent council. See more photos on page 4.

■ **PLANNING**

Donald rezoning will alter hamlet: residents

JENN WATT
Editor

Residents of Donald are thrilled the old chemical distribution centre is being renovated, but aren't as enthused about

a plan to rezone the property "highway commercial" and erect two storage units behind the historic building.

The proposed changes from owner Jim O'Connor would alter the flavour of the hamlet, they say, and allow a

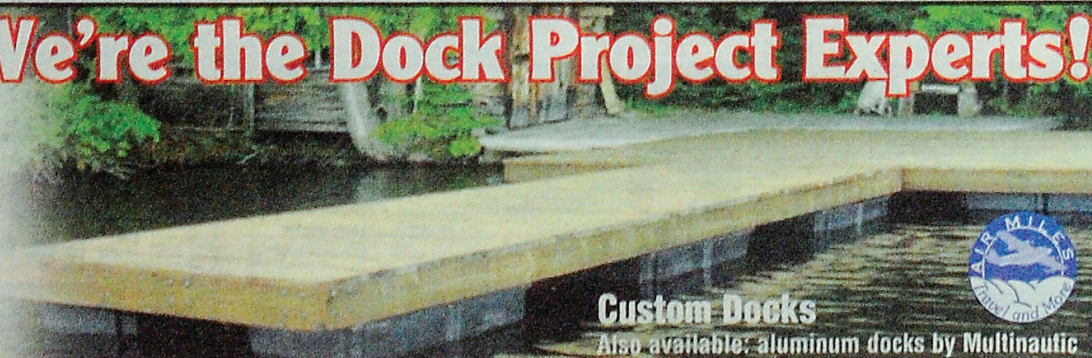
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NEW PRICE	Irondale River \$65,000 3.22AC
Drag Lake \$449,000 7.24AC	SOLD Eureka \$64,500 - 2.14AC
West Lake \$349,000 0.60AC	Basshaunt Lake Road \$47,000 2.36 AC
Colborne Lake \$289,000 4.83AC	Fred Jones Road \$34,500 6.59AC
Paddys Bay \$259,000 45.72AC	Twist Lane \$27,900 0.43 AC
Contau Lake \$165,000 1.33AC	Fred Jones Road \$25,000 0.38AC
Harburn Road \$99,000 44+AC	Studio Lane \$25,000 0.50 AC
North Drive \$74,900 2.11AC	

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